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Chief Editor's Column

It gives me immense pleasure that ICAR Research complex for NEH Region Nagaland Centre has brought out the first issue of Newsletter for the period of January- December, 2013 which will definitely play a pivotal role in transferring need based technologies to the farmers for increasing production and productivity. The information so provided will help the Farmers. Extension workers, Non-governmental Organizations, State Agriculture & Allied Departments, Bankers and various other agencies to take up newer programme Agricultural development for in Nagaland.

यह मुझे पूर्वोत्तर पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों नागालैंड केंद्र के लिए आईसीएआर अन्झांन परिसर निश्चित रूप से बढ़ाने के लिए किसानों को आवश्यकता आधारित प्रौद्योगिकियों के हस्तांतरण में एक निर्णायक भूमिका निभानी होगी, जन्अरी से दिसंबर, 2013 की अवधि के लिए न्यूज़रूरे के अपने पहले अंक प्रकाशित करने जा रहा है कि एक बह्त खुशी देता है उत्पादन और उत्पादकता जिससे सतत आधार पर कृषि और संबद्ध क्षेत्रों से आय सृजन. इसलिए उपलब्ध कराई गई जानकारी किसानों, विस्तार कार्यकर्ताओं, गैर सरकारी संगठनों, राज्य कृषि एवं संबद्ध विभागों, बैंकरों और कृषि और नागालैंड के मित्र देशों की विकास की प्रक्रिया में अभिसरण दृष्टिकोण को जन्म दे सकती है कि विभिन्न अन्य एजेंसियों को जागरूकता के लिए प्रोत्साहित करेंगे.

Dr. Bidyut C. Deka डॉ. बिद्यूत सी. डेका

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About the Centre

ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Nagaland Centre is situated adjacent to NH-39 along the Dimapur - Kohima route, which is about 25 km far from having latitude Dimapur а of 25°45'24"N, longitude of 93°50'26"E, and altitude of 295 m above MSL. The centre functioning near at Iharnapani is Dimapur since 1975. The climate of the region is sub-tropical to sub-temperate sub-humid with the normal annual 🕷 rainfall of about 1600 mm and normal daily maximum temperature of 27°C and minimum temperature of 20°C with the annual extremes of temperature of 4-38°C. The infrastructure facility includes an Administration Building, a Central Laboratory, an Experimental Farm, a Livestock Farm (poultry, pig, duck, rabbit, and cattle), a Scientists' Home, and a Farmers' Hostel. Three Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), namely, KVK Dimapur, KVK Wokha and **KVK** Longleng are under the administrative control of this Centre. KVK Dimapur was sanctioned in 1979 and started functioning in 1985-86; whereas KVK Wokha was sanctioned and started functioning in 2006. KVK Longleng was inaugurated 2011 and started in functioning fully in 2013.

Mandate

Development of sustainable farming systems for different agro-climatic

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and socio-economic zones of the region

- Improvement in the productivity of different crops, livestocks and aquatic fauna through the development / screening of varieties and agrotechniques,
- Improvement in rain-fed agriculture through watershed based approach,
- Development of local competence through training on agriculture and allied sectors,
- Development of effective linkages with other line departments, financing agencies and SAUs / CAUs operating in the region,
- To maintain database and act as a repository of information centre on agriculture and allied sectors and to provide consultancy in the above areas including plant and animal biotechnology,

Germplasm exchange and research update in a collaborative mode with other national and international agencies.

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Bidyut C. Deka	Joint Director
2	Dr. M.K. Patra	Scientist (Animal Reproduction)
3	Dr. A. Thirugnanavel	Scientist (Fruit Science)
4	Dr. Rakesh	Scientist

Current Scientific Staff at Centre

	Kumar	(Agronomy)
5	Dr. Dibyendu	Scientist (Soil
	Chatterjee	Science)
6	Mrs. Tasvina	Scientist (Plant
	Rahman Borah	Pathology)
7	Ms. Christy B K	Scientist (Soil
	Sangma	Science)
8	Dr. Rajesha G.	Scientist (Plant
		Pathology)

Infrastructure

Laboratory:

The centre has 6 laboratories, viz. Soil Testing Lab, Plant Pathology Lab. Entomology Lab, Animal Science Lab, Central Lab, Horticulture Lab with the facilities like Kjeltech apparatus with distillation unit, flame photometer, TDR probe, Laminar air flow cabinet, Thermal cycler (PCR), gel electrophoresis apparatus, gel documentation system, UV-VIS plate ELISA reader. micro spectrophotometer, root and leaf analyzer, plant growth chamber, and citrus processing unit.

Research Farm:

The Research Farm of the centre is divided into 6 blocks. The major crops grown are:

Block- 1: Paddy (Lowland) – Mustard/ Linseed-Green gram/Dhaincha

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Block- II: Paddy (Lowland)	– Maize/
Sunflower/ Buckwheat/	Linseed-
Greengram	
Block-III: Paddy (Upland) –	Blackgram/
Greengram/ Maize/	Soyabean/
Groundnut	
Block- IV: Lemon, Khasi	Mandarin,
Peach Guava Litchi	

Block- V: Jackfruit, Fodder, Tuber crops

Block- VI: Pasture

Besides. following the infrastructures are available in the farm:

Sl No	Particulars	Area/ unit
1.	Poultry unit	8 No.
2.	Dairy unit	2 No.
3.	Piggery unit	3 no.
4.	Rabbit unit	1 no.
5.	Water harvesting pond	2 No.
6.	Automatic weather station	2 No.
7.	Mushroom unit	1 No.
8.	Vermicompost unit	2 no.
9.	Glass house	2 No.
10.	Poly house	2 No.
11.	Shed Net house	6 No.
12.	Nursery	1 No.

Research Highlights

NRM

Yield Potential of Field Crops:

Important field crops and the average vield of few promising improved

S.N	Crop	Variety	Yield (t ha⁻')
1.	Paddy	IET -18564	4.8
2.	Maize	RCM-76	3.0
3.	Paddybean	RBS-53	1.07
4.	Blackgram	KU-8-613	1.73
5.	Mungbean	KM-8-228	1.06
6.	Groundnut	FESEG-10	3.17
7.	Toria	TS-38	1.1
8.	Linseed	Sweta	1.04
9.	Pea	Azad	1.2

Paddy Establishment Methods:

To evaluate the effect of different crop establishment methods and nutrient management practices in transplanted paddy, a field experiment was conducted in kharif season of 2011-13. From the be concluded that it can study, intermediate practice of ICM (Integrated crop management) has greater potential than SRI and CRC because **ICM** produced higher yield and profitability.



Jhum Improvement:

Two *jhum* fields were selected in Medziphema and Jharnapani and three systems were compared viz. agri-silvilivestock, agri-horti-silvi and traditional

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jhum. Contour bunds by using wooden log (locally known as '*Echo*') were constructed to prevent soil loss. Pits were made to plant fruit crops and some pits were left out as a water recharge trench. In an area of 0.21 ha in each system the harvest (kg) in traditional *jhum,* agri-silvi-livestock and agri-hortisilvi in a farmer's field in Medziphema is tabulated as under:

Crop	Harve st(kg)	Crop	Harves t (kg)	
Traditional)	jhum	Agri-horti-silvi		
Paddy (<i>Lokhomo</i>)	675.0	Beans	4.0	
Sticky Paddy	100.0	Chilli	3.5	
Maize	53.0	Bitter Gourd	12.5	
Colocasia	12.0	Pumpkin	104.0	
Local Pumpkin	51.0	Local long bean	147.0	
Agri-silvi-liv	estock	Colocasia	15.0	
Colocasia	31.0	Maize	65.0	
Maize	76.0	Cucumber	3.0	
Tree sapling	_	Tree sapling	-	

Salt Application in *Jhum*:

An experiment was conducted for upland paddy with control (T_0) , weedy check (T_1) , different doses of salt application, viz. 20 (T_2) , 40 (T_3) , 60 (T_4) , 80 (T_5) , 100 (T_6) , 120 (T_7) , 140 (T_8) , 160 (T_9) , 180 (T_{10}) , and 200 (T_{11}) kg ha⁻¹ at 45 and 75 DAS. The results revealed that the soil organic carbon (SOC) increased after harvest as compared to SOC in standing crop, which again decreased after a year even lower than initial SOC. On the contrary, available N, P and K decreased continuously during the crop growth period as well as in *jhum* fallow period. Application of common salt do not exert any influence on pH, organic carbon and available NPK, however the electrical conductivity increased for a short period (vide figure). In long term, no such effect observed. The yield of paddy was highest in 10 per cent salt application (100 kg ha⁻¹) among the salt treated plots.



Horticulture

Varietal Evaluation of Gerbera:

Seven gerbera varieties viz., Eiko, lce Queen, Jaffna, Liekie, P. Intenzz, Stanza and Venice were



evaluated in polyhouse for their performance with drip and fertigation. The experiment was laid out in Randomized Block Design with six

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replications. The maximum plant height was recorded by Liekie (34.2 cm) and the minimum height was recorded by Ice Queen (26.1 cm). The maximum of 10.5 leaves were found in Liekie and minimum of 8.7 leaves were found in Jaffna. The maximum stalk length was recorded by P. Intenzz (48.9 cm) and minimum stalk length was recorded by Venice (37.2 cm). The maximum neck diameter (0.6 cm), stalk diameter (0.8 cm) and ray floret diameter (11.1) was recorded by Liekie. The maximum transfloret diameter of 6.3 cm was recorded by Stanza and minimum diameter of 4.8 was recorded by Eiko. The Ice Queen variety did not produce any trans-floret. The maximum disk floret diameter was recorded by P. Intenzz (3.3 cm) and minimum diameter was recorded by (2.5). Among Jaffna the varieties evaluated, the variety Liekie performed better than others.

Rajmabean Characterization:

Morphological characterization of 32 indigenous rajma beans collected from Zunheboto, Kohima, Phek and Mokokchung were done based on the

IPGRI descriptor. Two different types of plant *viz.,* bush type and pole type growth were observed. Out of



32 germplasm, 30 were pole types and two were bush types. The data obtained from the study revealed that the positive significant variation was observed for the characters *viz.*, plant height (36 - 178.3 cm), no. of inflorescence per plant (1.5 - 3.6), inflorescence length (2.0 - 6.4 cm), no. of pods per inflorescence (1 - 3.6), pod length (7.6 - 17.3 cm), pod width (0.9 - 1.9 cm), no. of locules per pod (4 - 8.5) and yield per plant (4 - 38.3 pods/plant) and the test weight of seeds was ranged from 29.4 g to 56.1 g.

Animal Science

Production Perfomance of Gungroo:

Adaptability, production and reproduction performance of Ghungroo pig, the first recognized Indian breed was found optimum under Nagaland condition. The lower age at sexual maturity (234.56 \pm 15.78 days), weaning to estrus interval (18.87 \pm 4.23 days) and high litter size at birth (10.90 \pm 0.70) in female and good libido in male were recorded as important physiological trait as compare to exotic (Hampshire) and crossbred pig (Large Black cross).

Artificial Insemination Technique in Pig:

Artificial insemination technique in pig

was introduced for the first time in Nagaland. More than 70 per cent conception rate



was achieved in double insemination protocol at 24 hours interval with 80 to 100 ml liquid semen.

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Effect of Egg Weight on Fertility:

Highest fertility and hatchability on total egg set and fertile egg set was recorded in medium weight eggs (52 to 65 g) than light wt (<52 g) and heavy weight (>65 g) in Vanaraja and Gramapriya chicken variety. In medium weight category the egg weight was positively correlated with fertility, hatchability on TES, and hatchability on FES. Incubation of medium weight eggs is recommended for better hatchability and optimum chicks weight at hatch.

Crop Protection

Disease Development in *Jhum* Field:

Among the various factors responsible for low production and productivity in *ihum* lands, diseases contribute to certain extent. The impact of losses caused by diseases is huge in terms of loss of seed material of indigenous crop varieties as well as the loss in yield. Development of diseases in the land use system, as studied in Nagaland, is depicted in the figure below.



Event Organized

World Environment Day:

World Environm Day ent was celebrated 5^{th} on lune to take part



in raising global alertness for taking positive action towards environment. For this, a small function was organized at the down colony, ICAR Complex and its premises. The programme was graced by the presence of the joint director, scientists, technical officers and other staffs of ICAR along with the locals of the nearby villages. The programme was mainly meant for the small children of the ICAR employee and local villagers. Each of them planted one tree sapling, which they will take care till this grown up.

Short entrepreneurship course on development:

ICAR sponsored short course on "Avenues for farmers' Empower



ment and Agro-based Entrepreneurship

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Development" was organized from 20-29th August, 2013. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Benjongliba Aier, Parliamentary Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Nagaland. 25 participants representing the Assistant Professors and Subject Matter Specialist from the different parts of India attended this course. All together 34 lectures and practical classes were delivered along with the visits to CIH, Medziphema; Mithun farm; and protected cultivation site of ICAR, Jharnapani. In the valedictory function, Prof. B. K. Konwar, Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University, Lumami blessed the programme as the Chief Guest.

Experts meet farmers to discuss on climate change

Expert-farmer meet conducted at Longleng and Wokha districts to get

feedback as well as to solve the problems faced by the farming



community in their agricultural activities due to the impact of adverse climate.

Naga Kheti Mela-2013

First Naga Kheti Mela was organized in Nagaland by School of Agricultural Sciences and Rural Development (SASRD), Nagaland University in collaboration with ICAR Nagaland centre and Department of Agriculture, Government of Nagaland at Medziphema

during October 17 – 19, 2013. The programme was organized on the theme "Towards



agriculture" sustainable with three farmers- scientist interactive sessions, exposure visit to research farm of ICAR Research Complex, Nagaland Centre, SASRD, Biocontrol Lab, Medziphema and Central Institute of Horticulture. Four hundred participants including three farmers from hundred Nagaland, representatives from other North-eastern States and Myanmar participated in the three days mela and sixty two stalls were exhibited. ICAR Research Complex, NRC on Mithun, SASRD, NGOs, Central Institute of Horticulture, KVKs, State departments, Self Help Groups and innovators showcased their technologies, farm innovation and processed products.

Transfer of Technology

Collaborative Approach

Training	on	Integrated	Pest
Manageme	nt:		

National Centre Integrated Pest on Delhi and ICAR Management, New Region Research Complex for NEH organized training three-day а

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programme on Integrated Pest Management in crops important for NEH Region of India at the ICAR, Nagaland Centre, Jharnapani during September 9-11, 2013. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K.D. Kokate,

Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR on 09th September 2013. 47



participants from *KVK*s, NGOs, State Govt. institutes and progressive farmers of the states, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland attended the training programme.

Training on Tie and Dye:

Four days NAIP funded training programme on dyeing of locally manufacture



d garments was organized by ICAR in collaboration with the Dept. of Clothing & Textile, AAU, Jorhat during October 07-10, 2013. Six members of a self help group of Lampong Sheanghah village, Mon dist. who were trained earlier in weaving during last year attended this programmme to learn the latest techniques of weaving and dyeing of garments.

In-house Approach

Training on home scale horticulture business: an option for entrepreneurship development

Two days training programme on "Home scale horticultur e business:



for entrepreneurship option an development" was organized by ICAR Nagaland Centre, Jharnapani during May 16 – 17, 2013 under Horticulture Mission for Northeast and Himalayan States project. Total of 20 women farmers from Kohima and Dimapur districts were participated in the training programme. Hands on training were imparted on cut flower production, dry flower making, vermicompost production, scientific cultivation of mushroom, pickle making etc. during this two days training programme.

Training on low cost organic mushroom production technology:

ICAR Nagaland Centre with a n objective of "food for all" with nutritional and income



security is popularizing its low cost

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scientific and organic mushroom production technology at Dimapur, Longleng and Wokha districts, under Tribal Sub Plan project.

Pig Breeding through Artificial **Insemination**:

A training program was organized under Mega Seed Project on Pig in collaboration with



Nagaland Pig Farmers' Association (NPFA) and Confederation of Naga Farmers' Union (CONFU) at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Nagaland Centre, during Dec 4-6, 2013. Twenty seven participants from eight districts of Nagaland participated in the hands on training on 'Pig breeding artificial insemination through technique'. Six theories and seven practical sessions were organized on semen collection and preservation, breeding, feeding, healthcare and reproductive disease management by learned resources persons.

New Initiative

Seminar:

ICAR Nagaland Centre took a skill upliftment initiative by organizing seminar on first Saturday of every month. The major objectives are to strengthen the knowledge level as well to enhance the delivering style, answering ability of the scientists, SMS, RA, SRF etc.

"Perspectives" in Morung Express:

The institute took a maiden initiative to bring out a full page with articles related to agriculture and allied sector in Morung Express on the first Friday issue, page no.7 as *Perspectives* of every The articles pertaining month. to practices, techniques and technologies in agriculture and the allied sector along with weather related agro-advisories have been reaching the stakeholders. The effort have been and accepted appreciated widely as a noble cause towards the farmers. The first issue came out on 2nd August 2013 and 17 articles have been published since then.

Activities of Krishi Vigyan Kendra

KVK-Dimapur

Received Best KVK Award:

awarded KVK. Dimapur was the Outstanding KVK Award for the year

2012 bv **ICAR** Research Complex for NEH Region, Barapani, Umiam,



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on the occasion of Institute foundation day on 9th January 2013. Shri. Kolom SMS (Plant breeding) Rabi, KVK. awarded Dimapur the best was Technical worker Award for **ICAR** Complex Nagaland centre for 2012 on 9th January 2013.

Toria covers 250 ha as a second crop after pady/maize:

KVK-Dimapur took а challenge to raise a second after cop paddy/maize in the district.



Toria (TS-38) was grown on 250 ha area covering 16 villages covering 4 blocks. 219 farmers were benefitted from this activity under TSP programme.

KVK- Wokha

Integrated farming system model:

Three IFS models like Agriculture + Horticulture + Pig + Duck + Fish, Agriculture + Pig + Duck + Fish + Vermicompost, Agriculture + Goat + Duck + Fish + Apiary have been developed at Liphanyan, Koio and Longsachung villages of Wokha district respectively. In these models, the pig breeds like Large Black, Hampshire cross and large white Yorkshire cross; Duck breed 'Cherra Chamli'; goat breed 'Beetle and Assam hill goat'cross and fish breeds like rogue, catla, silver carp, common carp, and grass carp were distributed to the farmers. Paddy, maize and toria are the main components of agriculture and arecanut, mango and banana are the main components of the horticulture.

Soil nutrient status of Wokha district:

Three hundred and seventy four surface soil samples (0-20 cm) were collected from seventy eight villages of wokha district representing five different à (wokha, bhandari, blocks chukitong, sanis and ralan) consisting of four land use pattern viz. forest, jhum, cultivated fallow and WTRC. All the composite soil samples were collected in between April-June 2013. Block wise soil test results (mean value) for the micronutrients are tabulated as under. Maximum DTPA extractable Fe. Mn. and Cu were observed at Sanis and Zn at Wokha .

Block name	DTPA Fe	DTPA Mn	DTPA Cu	DTPA Zn	
	(mg/k g)	(mg/k g)	(mg/k g)	(mg/k g)	
Wokha	4.96	2.71	1.26	1.02	
Bhandar i	5.28	2.67	1.24	0.72	
Chukito ng	4.55	1.94	0.92	0.55	
Sanis	5.55	2.74	1.39	0.69	
Ralan	5.04	2.69	1.24	0.64	
Demonstration cropping:	rations o	on Padd	ly-Toria	double	
Large sc	ale den	nonstrati	on on	paddy-	

Demonstrations on Paddy-Toria double cropping:

Large scale demonstration on paddytoria double cropping system was

initiated at Ralan block of Wokha district covering an of area about 60 ha. Immediately



after harvesting of paddy, the improved toria varieties like TS 36 and TS 38 were sown in the field to increase the intensity, cropping and system productivity. An average of yield of 8 g/ha was harvested from the two improved varieties of toria. By seeing the potential and benefit of paddy-toria system, the farmers cropping are interested to adopt this technology for the coming years with short and medium duration paddy varieties followed by toria.

KVK-Longleng

Trainings and Demonstrations:

Total sixty six nos. of training were organized under different disciplines of Agronomy, Horticulture, Animal Science, Plant Protection, Soil Water Conservation Engineering, Plant Breeding and Home Science. Total 1946 nos. of participants (farmers and SHG members) from Hukphang, Pongching, Orangkong, Namching, Bhumnyu, Yongam, Pongo and Longleng Town villages were attended in the training programme.

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SWCE	9	225	n.	
Plant Breedin g	3	75	Pongo and Longle	
Home science	11	293	ng Town	
Total	66	1946		
Registration of farmers' varieties with PPV & FRA:				
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Registration of farmers' varieties with **PPV & FRA:**



Toiha, Nukgau) and one no. of Maize Hukphang, (var. *Kapsho*) from Pongching and Pongo village of Longleng

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district were registered under PPV & FRA on 15th November, 2013 at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Iharnapani, Nagaland.

Distinguished Visitors

- Dr. Benjongliba Aier, Parliamentary Secretary (Agriculture) & Chairman, Nagaland State Agril. Marketting Board Govt. of Nagaland, Kohima visited on 20th August 2013.
- Dr. R.K. Pal, Director NRC on Pomegranate Solapur, visited on 24th August 2013.
- Dr. H.C. Bhattacharya, Director, Education, Extension Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat visited on 29th August 2013.
- Prof. B. К. Konwar. Vice Chancellor, Nagaland University, Lumami visited on 29th August, 2013.
- D.C. Banerjee, Senior Mr. consultant, Ag. & R.D. SNRMCD New Delhi, visited on 8th September 2013.
- Dr. K.D. Kokate, DDG (Agril. Extension) ICAR New Delhi visited on 9th September 2013.
- Dr. C. Chattopadhyay, Director, NCIPM (ICAR), New Delhi- 110012 visited on 11th September 2013.
- Dr. K.R. Dhiman, former VC UHF, Solan, Himachal Pradesh, consultant

 25^{th} IAUA New Delhi visited on September 2013.

- Dr. R.R Hanchinal, Chairperson, of Plant Varieties Protection & Farmers Rights Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India New Delhi visited on 15th November 2013.
- Dr. B. Gangwar, Director, Project Directorate for Farming Systems Research (ICAR) Modipuram, Meerut-250110 U.P. visited on 6th December 2013. tetelelelelelelelele

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